

### **Remarks**

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to change the transitional term "consisting essentially of" to "consisting of."

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Section 103**

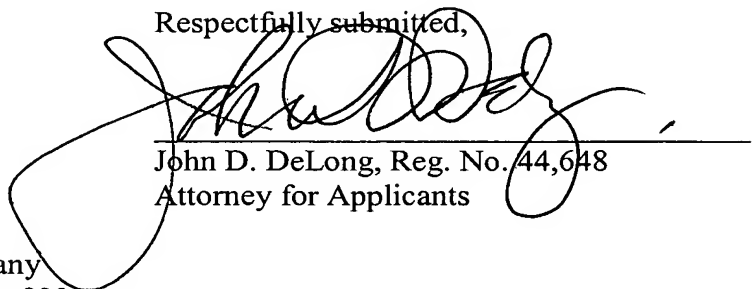
The claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Disclosure and Schisler et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,264,178; hereinafter "Schisler") in view of Yarnell et al., (European Patent No.1205515 ; hereinafter "Yarnell"). To the extent the amended claims are deemed unpatentable over the cited art, these rejections are traversed.

Applicants urge the claims as amended are not obvious over the cited art. Yarnell requires the use of an ethylene-alpha-olefin elastomer; the use of the transitional language "consisting of" in the amended claims excludes the use of an ethylene-alpha-olefin elastomer in the claimed airsleeve. The combination of "Admitted Prior Art" and/or Schisler with Yarnell does not result in the present claims.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants urge that the amended claims are now fully patentable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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